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MISSIONE 1965 DEL PROFESSOR GIUSEPPE SCORTECCI
NELLO YEMEN (ARABIA MERIDIONALE).

COLEOPTERA CHRYSOMELIDAE: ALTICINAE

Riassunto. — Dati faunistici su 12 specie di *Alticinae* nuove per lo Yemen ma già note dell'Africa.

Abstract. — *Expedition 1965 of Prof. Giuseppe Scortecci in Yemen (Southern Arabia).* Coleoptera Chrysomelidae: Alticinae.

Faunistic data of 12 species of *Alticinae* new to Yemen, but previously known from Africa, are listed.

Until now not a single species of Alticinae has been recorded from Yemen. I thank Dr. Carlo Leonardi of the Natural History Museum of Milano for giving me the opportunity to identify the Alticinae beetles from the 1965 expedition to Yemen by Giuseppe Scortecci. Although the collection is small, publication of the data is warranted as the geographic distribution is markedly interesting since they were known previously only from Africa.

The record of *Podagrica decolorata* is questionable as the aedoeagus is somewhat different. The Genus *Ethiopia*, previously known only from Ethiopia, is represented by a new species, but I have retracted from making a description, as the material consists of only three poorly preserved females. Likewise another new species, represented by only a single specimen, was not described. This beetle represents a new genus which is similar to a tiny *Phyllotreta* but possesses a serrate spine at the apex of the hind tibia.

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Phyllotreta cheiranthii WEISE, 1903

Distribution: Sansibar, Usambara, E. Zaire (northern till Uele), Guinea, Sudan.

Yemen: El Haurat, 1550 m 30.IX.1965 (1).

Longitarsus sp.

Two specimens from U. El. Kasaba and one from Sokna are unknown to me.

Aphthona dubia LABOISSIÈRE, 1942

Distribution: Zaire (Ituri, Kivu, Katanga, Bas-Congo, Maniema, Tanganika).

Yemen: Sokna (Tihama), 200 m, 20.VIII.1965 (286), U. El. Kasaba, 550 m, 26.VIII.1965 (14), U. Ezone, 1450 m, 27.VIII.1965 (10).

Angulaphthona latipennis (PIC, 1921)

Distribution: Egypt, Sudan, Nigeria (Jos), Zaire (H. Uele).

Yemen: Sokna (Tihama), 200 m, 20.VIII.1965 (1).

Ethiopia sp.

This genus, previously known only from Ethiopia, is represented by a new species, but I have refracted from making a description, as the material consists of only three poorly preserved females.

Orthocrepis ruficollis (LUCAS, 1849)

Distribution: Mediterranean Countries, N. Africa from Marocco till Egypt, Senegal, Mauretania, Guinea, Nigeria (Kano), Tchad, Sudan, Afghanistan, India, Ceylon.

Yemen: U. El Kasaba, 550 m, 26.VIII.1965 (1).

Podagrica pallidicolor PIC, 1909

Distribution: Egypt, Eritrea, W. Aden Protectorate.

Yemen: Sokna (Tihama), 200 m, 20.VIII.1965 (11).

Podagrica decolorata DUVIVIER, 1892

Distribution: Mauretania, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Angola, Zaire, Tchad, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan.

Yemen: U. Ezone, 1450 m, 27.VIII.1965, 1 ♂. The identification is somewhat questionable, the apices of the double pointed aedoeagus are somewhat more distant from each other than normally in *decolorata*.

Chaetocnema (s. str.) *ljuba* BECHYNÉ, 1955

Distribution: Sudan, Somalia.

Yemen: El Haurat, 1550 m, 30.IX.1965 (3).

Chaetocnema (s. str.) *wollastoni* BALY, 1877

Distribution: S. Africa, Zaire (Lualaba, Katanga, Kivu, Uele), Tchad, Sudan, Eritrea.

Yemen: Sokna (Tihama), 200 m, 20.VII.1965 (3).

Chaetocnema (*Tlanoma*) *pulla* CHAPUIS, 1879

Distribution: Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Zaire, (Bas-Congo, Tschuapa, Kwilu, Ubangi, Kisangani (Stanleyville), Uele, Ituri, Kivu, Ruanda, Katanga, Maniema, Tanganika), Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan.

Yemen: Sokna (Tihama), 200 m, 20.VIII.1965 (3).

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